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SUBJECT: ARAMCO SPONSORED TOUR FOR AMERICAN JOURNALISTS

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 1239, (B) ABU DHABI 1301 (NOTAL)

1. POST'S RESPONSE TO REF A UNFORTUNATELY DELAYED BECAUSE ARAMCO STILL ON HOLIDAY IN HONOR KING KHALED'S RETURN TO THE KINGDOM. ARAMCO DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, WHO WAS REACHED AT HOME TODAY, STATES THAT THE GULF TOUR BY AMERICAN JOURNALISTS WILL INCLUDE ABU DHABI, HE BELIEVES ON MAY 15. WE WILL FORWARD MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION WHEN ARAMCO RETURNS TO WORK ON MAY 7.

2. IF EMBASSY ABU DHABI REQUIRES INFORMATION BEFORE THAT DATE, THE ARAMCO OFFICIAL STATES THAT THE SAG INFORMATION MINISTRY HAS ALREADY MADE ALL LOCAL PROGRAM ARRANGEMENTS IN EACH GULF STATE THROUGH EITHER THE LOCAL MINISTRY OF INFORMATION OR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. ARAMCO, HE STATES, WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT IT IS MERELY ASSISTING THE SAG WITH TRANSPORTATION AND CERTAIN OTHER ARRANGEMENTS,
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AND THAT THE TOUR IS SAG SPONSORED, NOT ARAMCO-SPONSORED.

3. THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT ARAMCO HAS HOPED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS WOULD BE REPRESENTED ON THE TOUR. EACH PUBLICATION WAS ASKED TO NOMINATE ITS REPRESENTATIVE, HOWEVER,
AND THE CHICAGO PUBLICATION WILL BE REPRESENTED,

HE UNDERSTANDS, BY KEYES BEACH WHO WILL JOIN THE TOUR IN
LONDON. SINCE THE SELECTION WAS ALREADY MADE BY THE
PUBLICATION,THE ARAMCO OFFICIAL SEES NO WAY IN WHICH HE
CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE CONCERNING MR. WELLER.
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